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ISICSB FirstNet Broadband Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Conference Call Number:

(866) 685-1580

Conference Code: 8617016175

FIRSTNET MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order/Conference Line

Meeting called to order by Chair Bischof at 9:00 a.m.

The conference telephone line was opened for public listening and comment, and for Committee members. The meeting was conducted via GoToMeeting and conference line.

Voting Members in Attendance via GoTo Meeting and

Conference: Michele Bischof, Brian Blodgett, Rob Dehnert, Jason Hoffman, Chris Maiers, Bob Younie

Committee Member Regrets: None.

Guests on Conference Line: David Barnett, Hollie Davidson, Kevin Ford, Mary Harp, Jim Lundsted, Tracy McElvaney, Kyle Richardson

Committee Members Absent: Eric Dau, Blake DeRouchey, Andy Flagge, Dennis Hart, Jason Hill, Larry Hurst, Mike Jensen, Gerard Meyers, William McClain, Shawn Olson, Joel Rohne, Larry Smith, Corey Trucke, Curtis “Wally” Walser, Jim Wittenwyler



Welcome Remarks – Chair Bischof

Chair Bischof welcomed the group and introductions of those on the conference line and GoTo Meeting were made.

Review Action Items from Previous Meeting

a. Update on “Who’s on FirstNet?” database (Brian Blodgett)

1. Agencies are continuing to sign-up on the database
2. Outreach for signing up continues

b. FirstNet Call Center update (David Barnett)

David Barnett will report back at the June FirstNet Committee meeting regarding call center update and Help Desk (who is eligible to use the Help Desk)

c. 911 FirstNet host remote update (Blake DeRouchey)

No report

d. Discuss questions for Andy Sackreiter attendance (Chair Bischof)

1. Questions for Andy Sackreiter to be submitted by May 26th

e. Reschedule Andy Sackreiter attendance for June 9, 2020, FirstNet Meeting (Chair Bischof)

1. Andy Sackreiter will attend June 9th, 2020, FirstNet Committee Meeting
 2. TBD whether the June meeting will be held in-person or via GoTo Meeting based on agency travel restrictions
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FirstNet Update (Kyle Richardson)

a. Update Region VII (Kyle Richardson)

1. Continuing COVID response discussions with AT&T
2. AT&T has been very responsive to assisting with outages and other issues related to COVID
3. Reminder that FirstNet users have access to tower outage information
4. FirstNet Local Control Center has been renamed to FirstNet Central
5. FirstNet.gov is currently developing state-specific pages that will launch in June

6. Continue to develop public safety webinars

b. Tracy McElvaney (Senior Advisor – FirstNet Advanced Solutions Team)

1. FirstNet Advanced Solutions Team developed to build relationships and act as technical consultants for agencies who are currently using FirstNet or those considering to adopt FirstNet.
2. Tracy's focus is to assist with Regions 7 and 8
3. Currently working with Tom Lampe to coordinate discussions and address issues and future technical solutions regarding the new DPS Communications mobile command vehicle
4. Tracy addressed three questions regarding WPS/GETS:
 - a) Are WPS and Gets required for non-FirstNet customers?
A: Gets is for landlines and is only required if the landline is busy, and there is a need to dial into a landline. WPS is free with FirstNet via user request.
 - b) When will FirstNet Push to Talk (PTT) be integrated into dispatch consoles?
A: Work on integration continues and is expected to be available by the first part of 2021. The platform will support ISSI, CSSI, radio over IP, and DFFI for LMR systems. Regarding the use and implementation of PTT, FirstNet/AT&T is proceeding with caution and continues to develop. There was a discussion regarding standards related to PTT and LMR. The current focus is geared toward interoperability.
 - c) Question regarding end-to-end broadband signal encryption
A: Point-to-point encryption occurs between devices and towers, gateways, and other communication links.

c. WPS discussion (Jim Lundsted – CISA/ECD)

1. Discussion regarding GETS
2. DHS pays for the GETS program but requires agencies to provide an agency billing contact
3. Firstnet has priority and preemption; however, agencies must also sign-up for WPS service to ensure priority communication with other carriers
4. Discussion regarding Telecommunications Service Priority availability used to expedite the escalation process

AT&T Update (David Barnett)

a. Tower Site Update

1. New towers since the April 2020 meeting include Hamlet, Illinois, and Winfield, Iowa
 2. Engineers working on completing band-14 upgrades for the Des Moines towers
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SWIC Report – (Chris Maiers)

SWIC Maiers reported the following:

1. Currently assisting needs for COVID related testing sites
 2. Goal of the DPS mobile command vehicle is to ensure that it is a true mobile trunking site
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Questions/Comments

None.

New Action Items

1. Update on “Whose on FirstNet” database (Joel Rohne, Brian Blodgett)
 2. FirstNet Call Center update (David Barnett)
 3. 911 FirstNet host remote update (Blake DeRouchey)
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Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2020, @ 9:00 am

Location: TBD

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.